
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6669

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes changes affecting State Elections Enforcement Commission member terms. Generally, it:

1. increases term lengths from three to five years,
2. eliminates the prohibition on serving consecutive terms, and
3. moves the appointment date from July 1 to April 1.

However, each appointing authority's first appointment on and after July 1, 2012 serves four years and nine months, unless the appointment is to fill a vacancy. In that case, the appointee serves the unexpired portion of the term, and the appointing authority's next appointment serves for four years and nine months.

By law, the commission consists of five members; the governor, Senate president, House speaker, Senate minority leader, and House minority leader each appoint one member. No more than two may be from the same political party, and at least one must be unaffiliated with any political party. Both houses of the General Assembly confirm.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (04/05/2013)